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Overview

During May 2009, the Northern Command began its summer season of increased traffic and travel on the Nevada highways. This month, Northern Command officers handled 246 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 157 were property damage, 86 were injury, and three were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 10.9% compared to last year but our injury crashes went up by 3.6%. When compared to May of last year, fatal crashes remained the same at three; thankfully, three less people perished in these crashes. As compared to last May, our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased by 17.6% in May 2009 to 14 crashes. In our overall May 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 16 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is a 27.3% reduction from last May.

The officers in our command arrested 115 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .15%, well over the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers dropped significantly from the month of April from 34 to 23 years of age. Our officers arrested 203 people on various charges over the month of May. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,783 speeding citations, 854 hazardous moving citations and 437 seat belt citations.

To assist in public awareness, our division participated in many awareness functions. Trooper Chuck Allen worked with Nevada's youth at the Safety and Education Fair at Virginia Palmer Elementary School and presented a lecture on bicycle safety to approximately 4,000 children at the Reno Aces ballpark. Our Division also participated in the multi-agency Cops and Burgers fund raiser for Special Olympics. The Cops and Burgers event raised \$6,250.00 for Special Olympics athletes. This month also brought our participation in the, "Click or Ticket," campaign to reach the motoring public with news about seat belt safety.

I would like to thank all the agencies in our Northern Command for their assistance in all our projects and our goal to make Nevada a safer place to live and drive.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	May 09	May 08	% Change	April 09	% Change
Total Crashes	246	276	-10.9%	256	-3.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	157	188	-16.5%	176	-10.8%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	86	83	3.6%	77	11.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	5	-40.0%	3	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	16	22	-27.3%	11	45.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	6	-50.0%	4	-25.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	3	-33.3%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	14	17	-17.6%	20	-30.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	11	13	-15.4%	18	-38.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	3	0.0%	2	50.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.5%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 3.3%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.6%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	May 09		May 08	% Change		April 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	16		22	-27.3%		11	45.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	97		121	-19.8%		106	-8.5%
Other Arrests	442		574	-23.0%		446	-0.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	203		260	-21.9%		208	-2.4%
Speed violations	2783		2280	22.1%		2589	7.5%
Hazardous moving violations	854		907	-5.8%		714	19.6%
Occupant restraint violations ##	437		710	-38.5%		388	12.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	6854		6982	-1.8%		6712	2.1%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	40		21	90.5%		31	29.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	12		21	-42.9%		38	-68.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	750		696	20.8%		663	13.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	20		0	300.0%		2	900.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	376		350	7.4%		463	-18.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2509		2127	18.0%		2439	2.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	125		88	42.0%		133	-6.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	84		77	9.1%		92	-8.7%
Total school buses inspected	95		0	9500.0%		102	-6.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	23		0	2300.0%		22	4.5%
Total trucks weighed	63		127	-50.4%		2386	-97.4%
Total overweight citations	27		30	-10.0%		37	-27.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	320		381	-16.0%		321	-0.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		5	-80.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May 2009	May 2008	% Change	April 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	253371	283169	-10.5%	245497	3.2 %
CAD Incidents	18968	17925	5.8%	21407	-11.4%
Telephone Calls	16856	16950	-0.6%	16655	1.2%
CAD Logs	151387	148605	1.9%	333860	-54.7%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	242	266	-9.02%	254	-4.72%
Arrest Reports Processed	271	235	15.32%	258	5.04%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	34	33	3.03%	39	-12.82%
Office Accident Reports Taken	9	6	50.0%	10	-10.0%
Citations Processed	4626	4092	13.05%	3,558	30.02%
Vehicle Impound Releases	2	4	-50.0%	1	100.0%
Visitors at Counter	132	60	120.0%	176	-25.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$683.75	\$720.00	-5.03%	\$831.50	-17.77%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	480	538	-10.8%	670	-28.4%
Warrants Entered	781	163	379.1%	512	52.5%
Warrants Cleared	560	252	122.2%	360	55.6%
Warrants Validated	2046	2618	-21.8%	127	1511.0%
Extradition / Transports	38	15	153.3%	28	35.7%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.15 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 23 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Four (4) Contracts using 268.50 hours, billed in the amount of \$18,567.30

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
312	8	21	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
67	211	14	0	4	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- As we gradually approach the summer months, the activities and functions centered on the Public Information Officer's section are increasing. We began the month of June by participating in a Safety and Education Fair for the youth at Virginia Palmer Elementary School in Sun Valley.
- Participated in a 3-day Pedestrian Safety Workshop that was sponsored by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) in Reno. Those in attendance discussed roadway and crosswalk designs, enforcement, education and awareness with the hopeful expectation of unveiling new strategies that relate to enhanced pedestrian safety in the near future.
- Lectured a Driver's Education class and was also invited to speak at the Reno Aces ballpark and addressed over 4,000 elementary and middle school students about seat belts, pedestrian and bicycles safety during the two-day safety event.
- Trooper Don Lasage represented the Division and attended the United Parcel Service (UPS) Safety Fair during their annual event on May 16th, while our Public Information Officer and several other Northern Command Troopers participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Hawthorne.
- On May 18th, DPS/Highway Patrol Division and several other law enforcement agencies teamed up for the annual Seat Belt Education, Awareness and Enforcement Campaign, "Click it or Ticket" and hosted a press conference with the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety at Pickett Park in Reno. All four (4) television stations along with one (1) radio and one (1) print outlet attended the conference which generated a tremendous amount of coverage concerning seat belt usage and safety.
- As we brought the busy month to a close, several law enforcement agencies participated in the second annual "Cops & Burgers" fundraiser event for Special Olympics Nevada. The four-hour event that included hamburgers sales, a multi-agency vehicle display, personnel bagging groceries and the raffle ticket sales helped to generate just under \$6,250 for athletes in the Special Olympics Program.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 20 flights during the month of May for a total of 61.7 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of flight activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
7	27.9	46	Speed Enforcement
4	15.4	25	Personnel Transport
3	8.3	13	Prisoner Transport
1	3.4	6	Court
1	2.1	3	Fugitive Search
2	2	3	Maintenance
1	1.7	3	NDOT
1	.9	1	Memorial Dedication Flyby

On May 1, the Chief and Kevin Kelly (Kara Kelly-Borgonone's father) were flown to Las Vegas to attend the dedication of the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial dedication and the Southern Command NHP office. At the conclusion of the dedication Air 2 and Air 3 did a close formation flyover. On the 5th, the Chief was flown to Henderson to attend the DPS employee of the year award ceremony. Personnel were again transported to Las Vegas on the 15th to attend the funeral of a LVMPD officer who was killed in a traffic accident. On May 15, the plane was flown to Sacramento International airport to pick up two NDOT pilots after they had delivered the Citation for maintenance.

The plane was delivered to Mather Aviation in Sacramento on May 18 for warranty replacement of six cylinders that had been recalled. The plane was back in service May 20, when it was flown to Wells for court.

On Memorial Day, Air 3 was called to assist in the search of a possible second suspect in the robbery of a Winnemucca truck stop in the vicinity of Nightingale. One suspect was apprehended; there was no sign of a second.

Eight (8) speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, six (6) were flown. One was cancelled to transport personnel to the LVMPD funeral and one was cancelled for prisoner transports. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

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During the course of enforcement, 6 motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month was stopped on I-80 at Boomtown on the 22nd; a white Volvo station wagon was clocked at 96 mph.

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